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- 25X1X 1. A new modern veterinary hospital, the largest and best equipped in the Balkans, has been erected in Nis on the site of the pre-war veterinary hospital. Major B. Thorik, a pre-war veterinary hospital employee, is the administrator. Captain Ivan Tomasek is chief of the surgical section and is assisted by Veterinary Sergeant Martin Vuckovic. The hospital includes a surgical section, a section for the treatment of infectious diseases, a laboratory, a horseshoeing shop, and a pharmacy.
2. The physicians work under ideal conditions and employ the most modern methods of treatment. The hospital operates on a 24-hour basis.
3. Eighty head of cattle are undergoing treatment in the infectious disease section. Formerly, the hospital was equipped with only one captured gas chamber of German make, but now the soldiers, assisted by the physicians, have constructed new mobile chambers. A one-hour exposure to sulphur dioxide is the usual treatment for an animal suffering from scabies, whereas previously treatment for this disease lasted for a month or more.
4. Various experiments are performed in a laboratory equipped with instruments for the rapid diagnosis of horse ailments. Diagrams of horse anatomies are available in the laboratory. The laboratory is equipped with an electrically-operated centrifugal machine which separates sediment in three minutes. Without this machine separation time is 24 hours. Laboratory workers with the aid of microscopes conduct research on blood and other diseases. One of the microscopes is equipped with a lamp, enabling it to be used at night. The laboratory is equipped with a large thermostat, a Koch instrument, and distilling apparatus. These instruments are the most modern of their type and were primarily purchased in Italy.
5. The hospital successfully treated 60 head of cattle suffering from "durine" (sic) disease in April 1950. Furthermore, considerable success was attained in treating cancer of the hoof. In treating cancerous hoofs blacksmiths Arbuljevski, Filipovic, and Zivanovic forged a special horseshoe which was placed on the diseased hoof. The horseshoes are periodically adjusted and remain on the hoof until the wound has healed. The earlier methods of treatment was with medicine which resulted in only temporary cure. The horseshoe pressure treatment has been highly successful and has been economical in that expensive medicines and supplies are not used.

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